



## Improvements to Curry Village and East Yosemite Valley Campgrounds

### What is this project about?

The *Yosemite Valley Plan* calls for numerous actions to be completed in eastern Yosemite Valley, including projects in Curry Village and the campgrounds. While the *Yosemite Valley Plan* provides a general planning framework for the eastern portions of the Valley, additional detailed planning is required to more adequately evaluate alternatives for specific projects and to identify and consider the consequences of the proposed actions. The goal of this planning effort is to develop more detailed information for particular projects, such as layouts and locations, and to provide parameters and a rough schedule for implementation.

An environmental assessment is being completed concurrently with the project to evaluate the environmental consequences of the alternatives in accordance with current regulatory requirements. The results of the environmental assessment will provide information to the project planning team and will help develop a plan that will minimize or mitigate potential impacts to the environment.

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### What are some of the individual actions that will be considered in the site plan?

The following list provides brief descriptions of many of the actions to be covered in this site planning effort:

- Adding campsites and reconfiguring some of the existing campsites to provide a better visitor experience
  - Providing a campground check station to consolidate the campground registration function to one location, and add an RV dump station
  - Improve restrooms and provide showers for campers
  - Provide a day use stock corral (existing stables are likely to be relocated to Foresta)
  - Remove the Lower Pines amphitheater and construct a new one
  - Redesign registration parking, realign access road, and close road through Stoneman Meadow
  - Remove 253 tent cabins and other existing accommodations and add 108 new hard-sided cabins with bath
  - Retain and rehabilitate many of the historic Curry Village buildings into guest housing
  - Restore Curry Orchard to natural conditions, except for 2 acres to be developed for parking
  - Relocate the ice rink, and centralize commercial recreation activities (skating, biking, rafting, mountain store) at that location
  - Increase size of store and separate grocery and gift functions; add a deli
  - Redesign the Pavilion and Meadowdeck as outlined in the *Concession Services Plan*; add employee dining facilities adjacent to Pavilion kitchen
  - Remove Boy's Town and Huff House employee housing
  - Construct a fire station near Curry Village
  - Complete various projects to restore selected areas to natural conditions.
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## What are the next steps?

The National Park Service is currently in the process of developing alternatives for the projects listed above and the environmental assessment is underway. As new information and drawings become available, they will be presented for public review at future National Park Service Open Houses. Please refer to the park planning web site (listed below) for dates and times of future events.

The park plans to finalize the alternatives this winter, and then proceed with alternative analysis both through the site planning and environmental assessment processes. The environmental assessment is expected to be available for public review sometime in summer 2003.

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## Public Participation

Public participation in the planning process is critical. Here are some ways to stay involved in the Curry Village and East Yosemite Valley Campground Improvement project:

- Attend future National Park Service Open Houses at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center East Auditorium to take a look at the latest available information and provide written comments.
- Review and comment on the and environmental assessment when it becomes available in summer 2003.
- Send in written suggestions and concerns regarding the overall planning of the project at any time. Please note that decisions regarding actions in the *Yosemite Valley Plan* will not be revisited.
- Add your name to the park's planning mailing list (to address/fax/email below) and receive the *Planning Update* newsletter as well as other planning-related notices.

All comments must be submitted in writing to be considered and will be accepted in the following ways:

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The status of this and other Yosemite National Park improvement projects will be periodically updated on the park's planning web site. Visit online: [www.nps.gov/yose/planning](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planning).